

Shoulder Sleeve Insignia (SSI)

Description: Issuing from the sinister side of a 2-1/4 inch white square, flat side up a blue dragon's head all within a 1/8 inch blue border. (The dragon's tongue points to dexter base corner.)

Symbolism: The dragon's head represents cunning, endurance, and ferocity against enemies and is symbolic of the strategy and powerful attack of the Corps.

Background: Originally approved 15 February 1944, and subsequently amended to include the Airborne Tab on 1 May 1950.

Airborne Tab

Description: Immediately above and touching the shoulder sleeve insignia, a blue arc tab 1 1/16 inch in width, 2 1/2 inches in length containing white letters "AIRBORNE" 5/16 inch in height.

Note

Sinister — Left Side

Dexter — Right Side



Corps Moto

"Sky Dragons"

Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI)

Description: A silver colored metal and enamel device, 1 3/16 inches in height overall, consisting of an ultramarine blue square angle up bearing the silver head and neck of a dragon issuing from base and lower right side between two elevated white enamel wings counterwise, the tips touching above the square and issuing in base from a stylized silver motto scroll lined ultramarine blue enamel and inscribed "SKY DRAGONS" in ultramarine blue letters, the internal areas between the square and wings and the square and scroll of scarlet enamel with upper area bearing three silver five-pointed stars, one and two.

Symbolism: The design was suggested by the shoulder sleeve insignia, history and mission of the XVIII Airborne Corps. The dragon and wings symbolize mobility, endurance, surprise, and ferocity of attack by airborne units. The red areas allude to the fields and skies of war, the three stars referring to the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe campaigns, World War II, in which the Corps participated. The colors white and blue are used for all corps.

Background: The insignia was approved on 25 June 1969.



The Corps Flag

For corps, the flag has two horizontal stripes of equal width with national flag blue over white, with the corps.

The shoulder sleeve insignia of the applicable corps, proper colors, fifteen inches in height or wide, is centered on the flag. The shoulder sleeve insignia is piped with white on the blue stripe and blue on the white stripe.



XVIII Airborne Corps Song

*There's a job to be done,
so we're on the wing,
riding high in the clear blue sky.*

*Now we're out 'neath the chutes
with an easy swing,
as we land with our battle cry.*

*Then its trouble ye foe
when we jump from the door,
though your numbers be many more.*

*We're the demons from the sky,
come to win or die,
were the troops of the Airborne Corps.*